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# METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION GOVERNING BOARD

**MEETING OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2003**

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER  
111 NW FIRST STREET  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128  
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBER

**PRELIMINARY NOTICE**

**2:00 PM - SPECIAL WORKSHOP  
TRANSIT CORRIDORS PROGRAM  
(MATERIAL INCLUDED)**

**3:00 PM REGULAR MPO AGENDA**

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- September 25, 2003

**III. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. I-395 PROJECT**

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE MPO'S I-395 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION REQUESTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TO EVALUATE THE OPEN-CUT ALTERNATIVE 4 OPTION (B) AS A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE AND COMPLETE THE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS INCLUDING A COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND A CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE

**B. FY 2004 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2004 TIP TO ADVANCE THE I-95 ACCESS RAMP PROJECT CONNECTING PORT BOULEVARD TO I-95 FROM UNFUNDED TO FUNDED STATUS (*PUBLIC HEARING*)

**C. 2025 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENTS**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE ADOPTED YEAR 2025 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) (*PUBLIC HEARING*)

**D. MPO PRIORITIES FOR FDOT WORK PROGRAM**

RESOLUTION APPROVING INCLUSION OF THE ANNUAL LISTING OF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) PROGRAM PRIORITIES IN THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) YEARS 2005-2009 WORK PROGRAM

**E. FY 2004 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2004 TIP TO ADD AND REPROGRAM PROJECTS FOR ROAD IMPACT FEE DISTRICT #7 AS LISTED IN RESOLUTION (*PUBLIC HEARING*)

**F. FY 2004 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)  
AMENDMENT**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2004 TIP TO INCLUDE HIGHWAY PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) AS LISTED IN RESOLUTION (*PUBLIC HEARING*)

**G. FY 2004 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)  
AMENDMENT**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2004 TIP TO REPROGRAM \$600,000 FROM ROAD IMPACTFEE DISTRICT 2 FOR THE VENETIAN CAUSEWAY MASTER PLAN ANALYSIS AND PLAN PREPARATION (*PUBLIC HEARING*)

**H. MPO MEMBERSHIP PLAN**

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE MEMBERSHIP PLAN AND PLANNING BOUNDARY FOR THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA

**IV. MPO COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS**

- A. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)
- B. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETICS REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)
- C. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)
- D. MIAMI DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)
  - 1. MDX Status Report

**V. REPORTS**

- A. MEMBERS
- B. MANAGER
- C. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
- D. SECRETARIAT

**REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE MPO SECRETARIAT BEFORE MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2003. REQUESTS THAT FAIL TO MEET THIS DEADLINE WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING.**

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA  
GOVERNING BOARD**

**MEETING OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2003 AT 3:00 P.M.**

**STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER  
111 NW FIRST STREET  
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**SUMMARY MINUTES**

Chairperson Carey-Shuler called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. In addition, the following members were present at the initiation of the meeting:

Bruno A. Barreiro  
Joe J. Celestin  
Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
Manuel A. Diaz  
Betty T. Ferguson  
Shirley M. Gibson  
Perla T. Hantman  
Sally A. Heyman

M. Ronald Krongold  
Joe A. Martinez  
Raul L. Martinez  
Dennis C. Moss  
Natacha Seijas  
Darryl K. Sharpton  
Katy Sorenson  
Javier D. Souto

Non-voting members present: Mr. Gary Donn, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The following staff members were present: Carlos Bonzon, Surface Transportation Manager, Jose-Luis Mesa, Director, MPO Secretariat, and Robert Cuevas, Assistant County Attorney.

**IV. MPO COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS (TAKEN OUT OF ORDER)**

**1. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)**

CTAC presented former member Miles Moss with a plaque of appreciation for more than ten years of service rendered to the community.

**2. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)**

Board Member Heyman appointed Melina Sage to TARC.

**3. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)**

*No report on this item.*

**4. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)**

*No report on this item.*

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Board Member R. Martinez moved the approval of the agenda and Board Member Sharpton seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board Member Moss moved the approval of the minutes of September 25, 2003, and Board Member Sharpton seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

**III. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. FY 2004 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT**

*RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2004 TIP TO ADVANCE THE I-95 ACCESS RAMP PROJECT CONNECTING PORT BOULEVARD TO I-95 FROM UNFUNDED TO FUNDED STATUS (PUBLIC HEARING)*

Chairperson Carey-Shuler continued the public hearing from the September MPO Board meeting.

Several residents from Overtown expressed concern with the I-95 access project and its impact on the community. They discussed the issues surrounding businesses and historical sites that will be negatively impacted by the project. The community requested that information on all transportation projects that impact the Overtown community be distributed. Chairperson Carey-Shuler instructed staff to contact the Overtown community to discuss their concerns. She further stated that with the assistance of Board Member M. Diaz, consultants are being selected to work with the Overtown community to discuss planned projects affecting the community.

Board Member Celestin expressed concern with making decisions on projects that have not gone through review with the affected community.

Chairperson Carey-Shuler responded that staff has worked with the Overtown community regarding this project. She further stated that the proposed resolution is to provide road improvements and to move this project to the funded section of the TIP.

Mr. Charles Towlsey, Seaport Director, informed the Board that the Seaport is committed to meeting with the City of Miami and the Overtown community to discuss Seaport projects and those projects that are part of the Downtown Master Plan that will impact Overtown.

Chairperson Carey-Shuler closed the public hearing.

Board Member Sharpton stated that several of the roads mentioned are not MDX's roads but are linked to MDX indirectly. He further stated that MDX is sensitive to all communities affected by their projects in any capacity.

Board Member R. Martinez requested staff to provide information on the estimated traffic count from existing routes and the same routes' estimated traffic count once the project is underway in year 2006. Mr. Towsley responded that the Port will provide the requested information.

At the request of Chairperson Carey-Shuler, Mr. Towsley explained to the residents of Overtown that the proposed resolution is for roadway improvements for the existing road system. He further stated that these improvements will include resurfacing and widening of the current roads. He also stated that the funding for this project is from a combination of FDOT grants and the Seaport's capital funding program.

After much discussion on the item, Board Member M. Diaz moved for approval of the resolution. Chairperson Carey-Shuler seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

**B. I-395 PROJECT**

*RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE MPO'S I-395 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION REQUESTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TO EVALUATE THE OPEN-CUT ALTERNATIVE AS A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE AND CONDUCT THE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS INCLUDING A COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM AND A CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE*

Board Member M. Diaz provided the Board with a brief history on the I-395 Subcommittee. He concluded by informing the Board that the I-395 Subcommittee recommends that FDOT evaluate the open-cut alternative as a viable alternative.

Chairperson Carey-Shuler added that the proposed alternative would have some impact to the Overtown community. She further clarified that the community would be involved throughout the process. She concluded by stating that the subcommittee believes that the recommended alternative would reconnect the Overtown community.

Board Member R. Krongold stated that, after viewing all the alternatives displayed to the I-395 subcommittee, he believed the open-cut alternative to be the most viable.

Board Member Moss informed the Board that the formula used in the Moss Plan could be applied to this project as it pertains to relocating affected residents. He further clarified by stating that residents could be relocated within Overtown and become homeowners.

A representative from Kimley-Horn and Associates informed the Board that workshops in the Overtown community were held. He also stated that the community was provided information on the project and the potential impact it would have on the community. He concluded by advising the Board that policies should be developed that would allow current Overtown residents to stay in Overtown during and after the project is completed.

Board Member Moss stated that he supported the item and would like to see policies drafted to protect the Overtown community from a repeat of the I-95 experience.

Board Member Celestin moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Seijas seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

**C. 2025 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENTS  
RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE ADOPTED  
MIAMI-DADE YEAR 2025 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION  
PLAN (LRTP) (*PUBLIC HEARING*)**

In the absence of Chairperson Carey-Shuler, Board Member Sorenson chaired this item.

Chairperson Sorenson opened the public hearing. Chairperson Sorenson closed the public hearing.

A brief presentation on the Broward Bridge Project was conducted by Broward County MPO consultants. (*A handout on this project is available from the MPO Secretariat*).

Board Member Gibson expressed concern with dedicating a bus lane on State Road 441. She further clarified by stating that fewer lanes on a congested road would cause serious traffic problems for Miami-Dade residents. She further stated that workshops should have occurred in the communities that would be affected by this project.

A representative from Broward County consultants responded that the proposal is to provide Bus Rapid Transit Service. He further stated that the proposal is to add eight vehicles per hour per service. He further clarified that the proposal is not to take lanes from the existing roadways on 441. He concluded by stating that throughout the process several outreach programs were conducted that involved the Miami-Dade community.

Board Member Gibson requested that the City of Miami Gardens be contacted to set-up a workshop for the community to discuss this project.

Board Member Barreiro stated that the Project should consider connecting to the proposed North Corridor 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue Metrorail station.

Board Member Gibson moved for the approval of the resolution with the exception of the Broward County Bridge Project. Board Member Carey-Shuler seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

**D. MPO PRIORITIES FOR FDOT WORK PROGRAM**  
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL LISTING OF  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) PROGRAM  
PRIORITIES FOR INCLUSION IN THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) YEARS 2005-2009 WORK PROGRAM

Board Member Moss moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Sorenson seconded the motion. The resolution passed with one dissent.

**E. FY 2004 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)  
AMENDMENT**  
RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2004 TIP  
TO ADD AND REPROGRAM PROJECTS FOR ROAD IMPACT FEE  
DISTRICT #7 AS LISTED IN RESOLUTION (*PUBLIC HEARING*)

Chairperson Carey-Shuler opened the public hearing. Chairperson Carey-Shuler closed the public hearing.

Board Member Moss moved for the approval of the resolution. Board Member Heyman seconded the motion. The resolution passed.

**F. FY 2004 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT**

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**H. MPO MEMBERSHIP PLAN**

RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE CURRENT MEMBERSHIP PLAN AND PLANNING BOUNDARY FOR THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) MIAMI URBANIZED AREA

Board Member Moss moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Sorenson seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

**IV. MPO COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS (TAKEN OUT OF ORDER)**

*This item was summarized on pages 1 & 2 of these minutes.*

**V. REPORTS**

**A. MEMBERS**

1. Request by Board Member Raul L. Martinez: Miami Intermodal Center (MIC): Status Report

**B. MANAGER**

**C. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**D. SECRETARIAT**

1. MPO Freight Transportation Advisory Committee Membership

*(There was no discussion on Items V.A-D)*

**VI. ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.